

Greetings,

It was so nice to have an opportunity to meet so many of you at the First 5 Association Annual Staff Summit; kudos to Sherri Novak and Moira Kenney for organizing such a fine event. At the Summit, we engaged in lively discussions about the "Center for Results" and I received valuable county insights about your expectations. We will use those insights to help shape the Center's implementation and I look forward to talking with more of you on this topic.

This month First 5 California negotiated a three-year contract with the California State Library (CSL) to identify literature related to early childhood development, family functioning, health, and systems of care for children 0 to 5. CSL will publish the literature citations in "Studies in the News" a semimonthly publication. You can sign up for "Studies in the News" under the "Reference and Information" tab on this Web site. The CSL contract is the second of five contracts necessary to implement the Center for Results.

Thanks to my fabulous team, we are well on our way to making the Center a reality!

Sincerely,

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